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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Francois Lagace

Confirmation No.: 2909

Application No.: 10/606,292

Group No.: 1746

Filed: June 25, 2003

Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin

For: WASHER PRESSURE EQUALIZATION SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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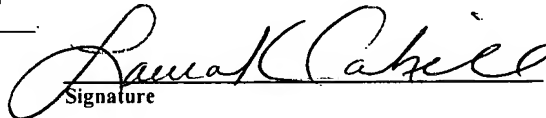
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Date: January 26, 2006

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\* Only the date of filing (' 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under ' 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See ' 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (' 1.10) or facsimile transmission (' 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA				RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	11	—	20	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	1	—	3	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
TOTAL								ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

### FEE DEFICIENCY

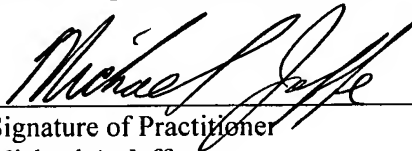
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.